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BOYS INVOLVED IN JEFF INQUIRY

Metairie Man Booked in Indecency Case

A Jefferson parish man was being investigated Friday in connection with alleged indecent acts against juveniles at his Metairie home.

New Orleans police juvenile bureau officers and Jefferson parish deputies said the 43-year-old airline pilot apparently used alcohol, hypnotism, and the adventure of flying to lure the juveniles—mostly 15- and 16-year-olds — into commiting indecent acts.

Capt. David Ferrie, 331 Atherton dr., Metairie, has been booked in Jefferson parish with committing a crime against nature on a 15-year-old boy and indecent behavior with three juvenile boys, including the 15-year-old.

REPORT STUDIED

The Orleans parish district attorney's office Friday was studying a report on Ferrie's alleged contributing to the delinquency of juveniles.

New Orleans juvenile bureau officers Roland Fournier and Charles Jonau worked on the case with Jefferson parish sheriff's office Sgt. Richard Thompson and Pfc. Fred Roth.

According to the New Orleans officers, runaway boys are involved.

Ferrie allegedly assisted and encouraged two juveniles to run away from home, one in August, 1960 and another this August, police said.

Officers said Ferrie, [illegible] as being an airline pilot, was a former Civil Air Patrol squadron commander.

After he was "quietly dismissed" from the New Orleans CAP unit about a year ago, he formed his own unit, "The Metairie Falcon Squadron," officers said.

CAP officials in New Orleans told police that CAP national headquarters in Houston had no record of a "Metairie Falcon Squadron" charter and these officials expressed the opinion that the charter shown to persons by Ferrie was a forgery.

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New Orleans officers said they took a number of statements from juveniles who reside in New Orleans. The statements tell how a number of the teen-[illegible] said they entered the case when a New Orleans family contacted officers that their 15-year-old son was missing from home earlier this month.

Officers said the family told them the youth disappeared several days before they called police but another member of the squadron told them he knew the boy was at Ferrie's home and could get him back.

The missing youth returned home but left a day or so later, police said.

He telephoned from Houston and said he would return home if the parents agreed not to prosecute Ferrie.

Officers said the parents followed instructions and signed a notarized statement that they would not prefer charges against Ferrie.

Upon the boy's return to New Orleans, he was questioned by juvenile bureau officers but he refused to accuse Ferrie of anything.

AIRPLANE FLIGHTS

Other boys gave police statements that Ferrie took them on airline flights to Houston and Corpus Christi on different occasions.

Ferrie encouraged the boys to stay at his home on various occasions "so they could get an early start working on a plane," one boy told New Orleans officers.

The plane was being constructed at an airline hangar, officers added.

New Orleans officers working with Jefferson parish authorities obtained a search warrant and [illegible] Ferrie's home earlier this week.

They reported they discovered [illegible] World War I [illegible] a quantity of ammunition. Many maps of Cuba were found at Ferrie's home, officers said.

[illegible] officers he had flown to Cuba with Ferrie on different occasions. Ferrie asked another [illegible] to drive a Cuban citizen to Mexico, police said.

Ferrie would find the youths [illegible] automobile when he was flying, according to officers.

PARISH SETS FIRST OF VARIETY SHOWS

The first of two summer variety show performances at Our Lady of Good Counsel parish will be held Saturday at 7:30 p. m. on the parish grounds, Louisiana and Chestnut.

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